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**RESPONSE TO PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY DRAFT RCRA
(RESOURCE CONSERVATION & RECOVERY ACT) FACILITY
INVESTIGATION/REMEDIATION INVESTIGATION (RFI/RI) REPORT (KH00003NS1A) –
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Action None required

On August 28, 1995 you provided the Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE/RFFO) informal comments on the August 4, 1995 Preliminary Draft RFI/RI Report for Operable Unit 3 (OU 3). These comments have been incorporated into the Draft RFI/RI Report which is currently being prepared for an October 19, 1995 submittal to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. There are a few of the DOE/RFFO comments that remain to be resolved and will be addressed in the final version of this document which is anticipated to be completed in January 1996. At your request, I am providing a list of DOE/RFFO comments that have not been addressed or will be addressed in the final document.

Section 2.0 the comment on page 27 regarding alternative sample locations has not been addressed. This is probably adequately covered in Technical Memorandum 1 which has already been submitted to the regulatory agencies.

Section 4.0 the comment on page 18 regarding the reference for historical beryllium sampling has not been addressed.

As discussed previously, discussions regarding the isotope study will not be included at this time. Funding for this study is currently not available and it is still recommended that if completed, the study should be a stand alone document.

Section 4.0 the comment regarding maps showing contaminant concentration values has been addressed for soils, but not for reservoir sediments. These maps will be added to the final document.

Section 4.0 comment regarding the validation of subsurface soil data has not been addressed. This will be included in the final document.

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Section 4.0 comment regarding the format of table 4-6 and the comparison values has not been addressed. It is agreed that this table should be reworked to include more appropriate information. This will be done for the final.

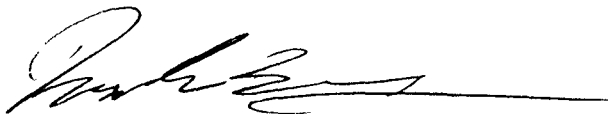
Section 4.0 discussion of comparison between stream sediments and reservoir sediments has not been addressed. This may be adequately addressed in Technical Memorandum 4. This comment should be revisited.

Section 4.0 comment regarding the use of Plutonium as a tracer has not been addressed. I would like to revisit this comment.

Section 6.0 comment regarding background radiation exposure references has not been addressed however these references appear in Appendix A.

Section 7.0 comment regarding the years of Radiological Ambient Air Monitoring Program sampling has not been addressed.

I think you will find the Draft RFI/RI Report to be much improved over the preliminary draft that you reviewed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at extension 4128.



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